

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 23 public bills, H.R. 6164–6186; and 5 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 96; and H. Res. 892–895, were introduced.

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Additional Cosponsors:

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Report Filed: A report was filed today as follows:

H. Res. 891, providing for consideration of the joint resolution (S.J. Res. 68) to direct the removal of United States Armed Forces from hostilities against the Islamic Republic of Iran that have not been authorized by Congress; providing for consideration of the Senate amendment to the bill (H.R. 2486) to reauthorize mandatory funding programs for historically Black colleges and universities and other minority-serving institutions; providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 6172) to amend the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act of 1978 to prohibit the production of certain business records, and for other purposes; and for other purposes (H. Rept. 116–415).

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Announcement by the Chair: The Speaker addressed the Members on matters of decorum in the House.

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Recess: The House recessed at 10:33 a.m. and reconvened at 12 noon.

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Guest Chaplain: The prayer was offered by the Guest Chaplain, Reverend Erin Keys, Capitol Hill Presbyterian Church, Washington, D.C.

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Journal: The House agreed to the Speaker's approval of the Journal by a yea-and-nay vote of 212 yeas to 185 nays with two answering "present", Roll No. 94.

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Suspensions: The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measures:

Requiring an evaluation by the Government Accountability Office of the social, economic, and historic contributions that Minor League Baseball has made to American life and culture: H.R. 6020, amended, to require an evaluation by the Government Accountability Office of the social, economic, and historic contributions that Minor League Baseball has made to American life and culture;

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Moving Our Democracy and Congressional Operations Towards Modernization Resolution: H. Res. 756, amended, implementing the recommendations adopted by the Select Committee on the Mod-

ernization of Congress, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ yea-and-nay vote of 395 yeas to 13 nays, Roll No. 93; and

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Federally Requiring Earned Education-debt Discharges for Vets Act: H.R. 3598, amended, to amend the Higher Education Act of 1965 to automatically discharge the loans of certain veteran borrowers.

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Recess: The House recessed at 1:27 p.m. and reconvened at 3:30 p.m.

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Suspension—Proceedings Postponed: The House debated the following measure under suspension of the rules. Further proceedings were postponed.

Support for Veterans in Effective Apprenticeships Act: S. 760, to enable registered apprenticeship programs to better serve veterans.

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Recess: The House recessed at 5:04 p.m. and reconvened at 7:28 p.m.

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Quorum Calls—Votes: Two yea-and-nay votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H1577–78 and H1578–79. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

Committee Meetings

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Agriculture: Full Committee held a markup on the Budget Views and Estimates Letter of the Committee on Agriculture for the agencies and programs under the jurisdiction of the Committee for fiscal year 2021; H. Res. 189, recognizing the importance of sustained United States leadership to accelerating global progress against maternal and child malnutrition and supporting United States Agency for International Development's commitment to global nutrition through its multi-sectoral nutrition strategy; and H. Res. 742, recognizing the continued success of the Food for Peace Act. The Budget Views and Estimates Letter of the Committee on Agriculture was approved, without amendment. H. Res. 189 and H. Res. 742 were ordered reported, without amendment.

U.S. AGRICULTURAL TRADE: STAKEHOLDER PERSPECTIVES

Committee on Agriculture: Subcommittee on Livestock and Foreign Agriculture held a hearing entitled

“U.S. Agricultural Trade: Stakeholder Perspectives”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

MEMBER DAY

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies held a hearing entitled “Member Day”. Testimony was heard from Chairman McGovern, and Representatives Casten of Illinois, Cunningham, Rodney Davis of Illinois, González-Colón of Puerto Rico, Griffith, Haaland, Jackson Lee, Radewagen, Schneider, Schrier, Slotkin, Suozzi, Thompson of Pennsylvania, Graves of Louisiana, and Trahan.

APPROPRIATIONS—DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies held a budget hearing on the Department of Agriculture. Testimony was heard from Sonny Perdue, Secretary, Department of Agriculture.

APPROPRIATIONS—OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Financial Services and General Government held a budget hearing on the Office of Management and Budget. Testimony was heard from Russ Vought, Acting Director, Office of Management and Budget.

APPROPRIATIONS—CENTERS FOR DISEASE CONTROL AND PREVENTION

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on the Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, and Related Agencies held a budget hearing on the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. Testimony was heard from the following Centers for Disease Control and Prevention officials: Ileana Arias, Associate Deputy Director for Public Health Science and Surveillance; Sherri A. Berger, Chief Strategy Officer and Chief Operating Officer; Debra Houry, Director, National Center for Injury Prevention and Control; and Robert Redfield, Director.

APPROPRIATIONS—DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies held a budget hearing on the Department of Commerce. Testimony was heard from Wilbur Ross, Secretary, Department of Commerce.

MEMBER DAY

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Military Construction, Veterans Affairs, and Related

Agencies held a hearing entitled “Member Day”. Testimony was heard from Representatives Cisneros, Craig, Golden, González-Colón of Puerto Rico, Hudson, and Johnson of Louisiana.

U.S. SOUTHERN COMMAND (SOUTHCOM)

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Defense held a hearing entitled “U.S. Southern Command (SOUTHCOM)”. Testimony was heard from Admiral Craig S. Faller, Commander, U.S. Southern Command. This hearing was closed.

APPROPRIATIONS—U.S. COAST GUARD

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on the Department of Homeland Security held a budget hearing on the U.S. Coast Guard. Testimony was heard from Admiral Karl Schultz, Commandant, U.S. Coast Guard.

APPROPRIATIONS—U.S. ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS AND BUREAU OF RECLAMATION

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development, and Related Agencies held a budget hearing on the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and Bureau of Reclamation. Testimony was heard from Brenda Burman, Commissioner, Bureau of Reclamation; Rickey James, Assistant Secretary of the Army for Civil Works; Timothy Petty, Assistant Secretary for Water and Science, Department of Interior; and Lieutenant General Todd Semonite, Chief of Engineers and Commanding General of the Army Corps.

PUBLIC WITNESS DAY

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Military Construction, Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies held a hearing entitled “Public Witness Day”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

APPROPRIATIONS—U.S. ARMY

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Defense held a budget hearing on the U.S. Army. Testimony was heard from Ryan McCarthy, Secretary of the Army; and General James McConville, Chief of Staff of the Army.

NATIONAL SECURITY CHALLENGES AND U.S. MILITARY ACTIVITIES IN THE GREATER MIDDLE EAST AND AFRICA

Committee on Armed Services: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “National Security Challenges and U.S. Military Activities in the Greater Middle East and Africa”. Testimony was heard from Kathryn Wheelbarger, Assistant Secretary of Defense for International Security Affairs, Department of Defense; General Kenneth F. McKenzie, Jr., U.S. Marine Corps, Commander, U.S. Central Command;

and General Stephen Townsend, U.S. Army, Commander, U.S. Africa Command.

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE TACTICAL AND ROTARY AIRCRAFT ACQUISITION AND MODERNIZATION PROGRAMS IN THE FY21 PRESIDENT'S BUDGET REQUEST

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Tactical Air and Land Forces held a hearing entitled "Department of Defense Tactical and Rotary Aircraft Acquisition and Modernization Programs in the FY21 President's Budget Request". Testimony was heard from Bruce D. Jette, Assistant Secretary of the Army for Acquisition, Logistics and Technology (ASA(ALT)), Department of the Army; Brigadier General Walter T. Rugen, U.S. Army, Director, Future Vertical Lift Cross-Functional Team, Army Futures Command; James F. Geurts, Assistant Secretary of the Navy for Research, Development, and Acquisition, Department of the Navy; Lieutenant General Steven R. Rudder, U.S. Marine Corps, Deputy Commandant for Aviation, Headquarters, U.S. Marine Corps; Rear Admiral Gregory N. Harris, U.S. Navy, Director, Air Warfare (OPNAV N98), Office of the Chief of Naval Operations; William Roper, Assistant Secretary of the Air Force for Acquisition, Technology and Logistics (SAF/AQ), Department of the Air Force; General James M. Holmes, U.S. Air Force, Commander, Air Combat Command, Headquarters, U.S. Air Force; and Lieutenant General David S. Nahom, U.S. Air Force, Director of Programs, Office of the Deputy Chief of Staff for Plans and Requirements, Headquarters, U.S. Air Force.

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE FY2021 BUDGET

Committee on the Budget: Full Committee held a hearing entitled "Department of Defense FY2021 Budget". Testimony was heard from David L. Norquist, Deputy Secretary, Department of Defense.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Communications and Technology held a markup on H.R. 451, the "Don't Break Up the T-Band Act of 2019"; H.R. 5926, the "RESILIENT Networks Act"; H.R. 6096, the "Reliable Emergency Alert Distribution Improvement Act of 2020"; H.R. 4194, the "National Suicide Hotline Designation Act of 2019"; H.R. 5918, a bill to direct the Federal Communications Commission to issue reports after activation of the Disaster Information Reporting System and to make improvements to network outage reporting; H.R. 1289, the "Preserving Home and Office Numbers in Emergencies Act of 2019"; H. Res. 549, resolution reaffirming the commitment of the House of Representatives to media diversity

and pledging to work with media entities and diverse stakeholders to develop common ground solutions to eliminate barriers to media diversity; H.R. 3957, the "Expanding Broadcast Ownership Opportunities Act of 2019"; H.R. 5567, the "MEDIA Diversity Act of 2020"; H.R. 5564, the "Enhancing Broadcaster DIVERSITY Data Act"; and H.R. 4855, the "C-BAND Act". H.R. 451, H.R. 4194, H.R. 1289, H.R. 3957, and H.R. 5564 were forwarded to the full Committee, as amended. H.R. 5926, H.R. 6096, H.R. 5918, H. Res. 549, H.R. 5567, and H.R. 4855 were forwarded to the full Committee, without amendment.

HOLDING WELLS FARGO ACCOUNTABLE: CEO PERSPECTIVES ON NEXT STEPS FOR THE BANK THAT BROKE AMERICA'S TRUST

Committee on Financial Services: Full Committee held a hearing entitled "Holding Wells Fargo Accountable: CEO Perspectives on Next Steps for the Bank that Broke America's Trust". Testimony was heard from a public witness.

PROSPECTS FOR PEACE: THE WAY FORWARD IN AFGHANISTAN

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Subcommittee on Asia, the Pacific, and Nonproliferation held a hearing entitled "Prospects for Peace: The Way Forward in Afghanistan". Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

COMMUNITY PERSPECTIVES ON CORONAVIRUS PREPAREDNESS AND RESPONSE

Committee on Homeland Security: Subcommittee on Emergency Preparedness, Response and Recovery held a hearing entitled "Community Perspectives on Coronavirus Preparedness and Response". Testimony was heard from Christopher Neuwirth, Assistant Commissioner, Division of Public Health Infrastructure, Laboratories, and Emergency Preparedness, New Jersey Department of Health; Thomas Dobbs, M.D., State Health Officer, Mississippi State Department of Health; and public witnesses.

EXAMINING THE SPENDING PRIORITIES AND MISSIONS OF THE U.S. FOREST SERVICE AND THE BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT

Committee on Natural Resources: Subcommittee on National Parks, Forests, and Public Lands held a hearing entitled "Examining the Spending Priorities and Missions of the U.S. Forest Service and the Bureau of Land Management". Testimony was heard from Victoria Christiansen, Chief, U.S. Forest Service, Department of Agriculture; and Michael Nedd, Deputy

Director, Operations, Bureau of Land Management, Department of the Interior.

EXAMINING THE POLICIES AND PRIORITIES OF THE BUREAU OF OCEAN ENERGY MANAGEMENT, THE BUREAU OF SAFETY AND ENVIRONMENTAL ENFORCEMENT, THE U.S. GEOLOGICAL SURVEY, THE BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT, AND THE OFFICE OF SURFACE MINING RECLAMATION AND ENFORCEMENT

Committee on Natural Resources: Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources held a hearing entitled “Examining the Policies and Priorities of the Bureau of Ocean Energy Management, the Bureau of Safety and Environmental Enforcement, the U.S. Geological Survey, the Bureau of Land Management, and the Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement”. Testimony was heard from the following Department of the Interior officials: William Perry Pendley, Deputy Director, Policy and Programs, and Exercising the Authority of the Director, Bureau of Land Management; Scott Angelle, Director, Bureau of Safety and Environmental Enforcement; Walter Cruickshank, Acting Director, Bureau of Ocean Energy Management; Glenda Owens, Deputy Director, Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement; and James Reilly, Director, U.S. Geological Survey.

SENATE AMENDMENT TO THE FUTURE ACT; TO DIRECT THE REMOVAL OF UNITED STATES ARMED FORCES FROM HOSTILITIES AGAINST THE ISLAMIC REPUBLIC OF IRAN THAT HAVE NOT BEEN AUTHORIZED BY CONGRESS; USA FREEDOM REAUTHORIZATION ACT OF 2020

Committee on Rules: Full Committee held a hearing on the Senate Amendment to H.R. 2486, the “FUTURE Act” [NO BAN Act; Access to Counsel Act of 2020]; S.J. Res. 68, to direct the removal of United States Armed Forces from hostilities against the Islamic Republic of Iran that have not been authorized by Congress; and H.R. 6172, the “USA FREEDOM Reauthorization Act of 2020”. The Committee granted, by record vote of 7–4, a rule providing for consideration of S.J. Res 68, To direct the removal of United States Armed Forces from hostilities against the Islamic Republic of Iran that have not been authorized by Congress, H.R. 2486, the “FUTURE Act” [NO BAN Act; Access to Counsel Act of 2020], and H.R. 6172, the “USA FREEDOM Reauthorization Act of 2020”. The rule provides for consideration of S.J. Res. 68, To direct the removal of United States Armed Forces from

hostilities against the Islamic Republic of Iran that have not been authorized by Congress, under a closed rule. The rule provides one hour of general debate equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Foreign Affairs. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the joint resolution. The rule provides that the joint resolution shall be considered as read. The rule waives all points of order against provisions in the joint resolution. The rule provides one motion to commit. The rule provides for the consideration of the Senate amendment to H.R. 2486. The rule makes in order a motion offered by the chair of the Committee on the Judiciary or his designee that the House concur in the Senate amendment with two House amendments: Amendment #1 consisting of the text of Rules Committee Print 116–52, the No Ban Act; and Amendment #2 consisting of the text of Rules Committee Print 116–53, the Access to Counsel Act. The rule provides one hour of debate on each House amendment, equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on the Judiciary. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the motion and provides that the Senate amendment and the motion shall be considered as read. The rule provides that the question of adoption shall be divided between the two House amendments, and that the two portions of the divided question shall be considered in the order specified by the chair. The rule provides that if only one amendment is adopted, that amendment shall be engrossed as an amendment in the nature of a substitute to the Senate amendment to H.R. 2486. The rule provides for consideration of H.R. 6172, the “USA FREEDOM Reauthorization Act of 2020”, under a closed rule. The rule provides one hour of general debate equally divided among and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on the Judiciary and the chair and ranking minority member of the Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the bill. The rule provides that the amendment printed in the Rules Committee report shall be considered as adopted and the bill, as amended, shall be considered as read. The rule waives all points of order against provisions in the bill, as amended. The rule provides one motion to recommit with or without instructions. Section 7 of the rule provides that on any legislative day during the period from March 13, 2020, through March 22, 2020: the Journal of the proceedings of the previous day shall be considered as approved; and the Chair may at any time declare the House adjourned to meet at a date and time to be announced by the

Chair in declaring the adjournment. The rule provides that the Speaker may appoint Members to perform the duties of the Chair for the duration of the period addressed by section 7. The rule provides that each day during the period addressed by section 7 shall not constitute a legislative day for the purposes of clause 7 of rule XV. The rule provides that it shall be in order at any time through the calendar day of March 22, 2020, for the Speaker to entertain motions that the House suspend the rules as though under clause 1 of rule XV, and that the Speaker or her designee shall consult with the Minority Leader or his designee on the designation of any matter for consideration pursuant to this section. The rule waives the requirement of clause 6(a) of rule XIII for a two-thirds vote to consider a report from the Committee on Rules on the same day it is presented to the House with respect to any resolution reported through the legislative day of March 23, 2020. Testimony was heard from Chairman Nadler, and Representatives Jordan, Davidson of Ohio, and Gohmert.

THE IMPACT OF CORONAVIRUS ON AMERICA'S SMALL BUSINESSES

Committee on Small Business: Full Committee held a hearing entitled "The Impact of Coronavirus on America's Small Businesses". Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

THE INTERNATIONAL ROLE OF THE UNITED STATES COAST GUARD

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Subcommittee on Coast Guard and Maritime Transportation held a hearing entitled "The International Role of the United States Coast Guard". Testimony was heard from Vice Admiral Daniel B. Abel, Deputy Commandant for Operations, U.S. Coast Guard; and public witnesses.

LEGISLATIVE MEASURES

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Subcommittee on Economic Opportunity held a hearing on H.R. 2224, the "Homeless Veterans with Children Reintegration Act"; H.R. 5056, the "Modern GI Bill Act"; H.R. 5324, the "Sergeant Daniel Somers Veteran Network of Support Act of 2019"; legislation on the Disaster School Closures; legislation on the Education Eligibility, TAP, Skillbridge; legislation on the HMIS Fees; legislation on the Native VetSuccess Pilot; legislation on the Consumer Testing GI Bill Comparison Tool; legislation on the Reducing Veteran Homelessness Act of 2020; legislation on the IHS/ HUD-VASH Case Management Coordination; legislation on the Clarifying the Location of Online Schools; legislation on the Montgomery Repayment Clarification; legislation on the VR&E Rebranding; and legislation on the Overseas Yellow Ribbon Clar-

ification. Testimony was heard from Margarita Devlin, Principal Deputy Undersecretary for Benefits, Veterans Benefits Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs; and public witnesses.

LEGISLATIVE MEASURES

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations held a hearing on H.R. 1133, the "VA Employee Fairness Act of 2019"; H.R. 4949, the "VA Hospitals Establishing Leadership Performance Act"; H.R. 5245, the "SHIELD for Veterans Act"; H.R. 5843, the "Strengthening Oversight for Veterans Act of 2020"; and legislation to align the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) Chief Financial Officer's authority with federal law. Testimony was heard from the following Department of Veterans Affairs officials: Jon Rychalski, Assistant Secretary for Management and Chief Financial Officer; Christopher Wilber, Counselor to the Inspector General, Office of the Inspector General; Jessica Bonjorni, Acting Assistant Deputy Undersecretary for Health for Workforce Services, Veterans Health Administration; and public witnesses.

NGA BUDGET HEARING

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence: Subcommittee on Strategic Technologies and Advanced Research held a hearing entitled "NGA Budget Hearing". This hearing was closed.

Joint Meetings

MOLDOVA

Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe: Commission concluded a hearing to examine Moldova, focusing on access and accountability, after receiving testimony from William H. Hill, Woodrow Wilson Center for International Studies, Washington, D.C.; Tatyana Margolin, Open Society Foundations, New York, New York; and Valeriu Pasa, WatchDog.MD, Chisinau, Moldova.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR WEDNESDAY, MARCH 11, 2020

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Department of Defense, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates and justification for fiscal year 2021 for the Navy and Marine Corps, 10 a.m., SD-138.

Subcommittee on Legislative Branch, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates and justification for fiscal year 2021 for the Government Accountability Office and Congressional Budget Office, 2 p.m., SD-124.